

MARKET SCENE AT PORT FLORENCE



TASSEL AT WAIST ALL THEY WEAR

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now, the trade is greatly increasing, and ivory, hides, grain and rubber from German East Africa, the Upper Congo and the lands to the north of the lake are shipped through here to the coast. The cars come right down to a wooden wharf which extends well out into the Kaviro gulf. On the lake are several small steamers, which have been brought up here in pieces and put together, and they are now bringing in freight from all parts of this big inland sea.

As to Port Florence itself, it is a little town with practically no accommodations for travelers. The only place to stop is a dak bungalow, or rest house, put up by the government, and the only stores are those of a few Hindoo traders. The Europeans consist of some soldiers belonging to the King's African Rifles, of the government officials and of some employees of the railroad.

The officials put on great airs. Among the passengers who came in with me yesterday was a judge who will settle the disputes among these half-naked natives. He was met at the cars by some soldiers and a gang of convicts in chains. The latter had come to carry his baggage and other belongings to his tin house on the hill, and each was dressed in a heavy iron collar with iron chains extending from it to his wrists and ankles. Nevertheless, he was able to aid in lifting the boxes and in pushing them off on trucks, prodded up to his work all the while by the soldiers on guard.

A Naked Nation.
But let us take our feet in our hands and tramp about through Port Florence. The judge, who is a white man, is now in the country through which I traveled for about fifty miles on my way here. In Port Florence itself we may now and then see a man with a blanket wrapped around him, and the men frequently wear waist cloths, but in front of these they are stark naked, many of them wearing absolutely nothing except plugs in their ears, strings of beads about their waists and rough wire rings on their wrists and ankles. All have skins of a dark chocolate brown. They have rather intelligent features, woolly hair and lips and noses like those of a negro. They belong to the Bantu race family and are among the best formed of the peoples of Africa. Some one has said that traveling through their country is like walking through miles of living statuary, and I have seen thousands of such statues on my way here.

Kaviro Men.
Take these Kaviro men who have gathered about me just now as I write. Their figures are ebony, and some of them look as though they might have been cut from black marble by the hand of a sculptor. Look at these three brown bucks at my left. They are as straight as Michaelangelo's famed statue of David and about as well formed. See how firmly they stand on their black feet. Their heads are thrown back and two have burst out laughing when my camera turned toward them. They are stark naked, with the exception of those bands of beads about the waist and their anklets and bracelets. I can follow every muscle with my eye, and they seem the perfection of physical manhood. This made a fellow next me has a coil of wire about his biceps and there is a pound of wire on his right wrist. He is smoking a pipe, but it just hangs between his

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teeth, which shine out bright and white as he smiles.

The man next him has two brass rings on each of his black thumbs, bands of telegraph wire around his wrists and two wide coils of wire above and below the biceps of his left arm. He has five wire bands about his neck, and the other two have twisted wire. The latter must have several pounds on each leg, and the wire on the right leg extends from the foot to the middle of the calf.

Deerskin Aprons.
Now look at their heads. The first man has short wool which hugs the scalp, and the other two have twisted their hair so that it hangs down about the head like the snakes of the Medusa.

I stop for a moment and ask the men to turn around in order that I may get a view from the rear. They are not quite so naked as I had supposed. Each has an apron of deerskin as big as a lady's pocket handkerchief fastened to his waistband behind. The aprons are tanned with the fur on, and are tied to the belts with deerskin straps. As far as decency goes, they are of no value at all, and they seem to be used more for ornament than anything else.

Turning now to other men in the party about me, I see that almost all are similarly clad, although a few have skins thrown around their shoulders, and some have more jewelry. One or two wear a piece of cotton cloth, and each has a waist cloth. At a short distance I look like a cow's tail. I am told that it is an indispensable article of dress for every married woman; and that it is improper for a stranger to touch it. Sir Harry Johnston, who governed these people, said that even a husband dares not touch this caudal appendage when worn by his wife, and if, by mistake, it is touched, a goat must be sacrificed or the woman will die from the insult.

Where the Women Wear Tails.
Let us turn our cameras now on the women. They are by no means so fine looking as the men. They are shorter and not so well formed. Still they are all there.

The younger girls are clad in bead waist belts, and the older ones have each a tassel of fiber tied to a girldie about the waist. This tassel is fastened to the small of the back, and it hangs down behind. At a short distance it looks like a cow's tail. I am told that it is an indispensable article of dress for every married woman; and that it is improper for a stranger to touch it. Sir Harry Johnston, who governed these people, said that even a husband dares not touch this caudal appendage when worn by his wife, and if, by mistake, it is touched, a goat must be sacrificed or the woman will die from the insult.

Some of the native women here in Port Florence wear little aprons of fiber about six inches long, extending down at the front. I can see dozens of them so clad all about me, and for a penny can get any of them to pose for my camera. The young girls have no clothes at all, and this is the custom throughout the country. Indeed, farther back in the interior the fringe aprons are removed, and both sexes are clad chiefly in jewelry of wire of various kinds.

The strangest thing about the nudity of these savages is that they are absolutely unconscious of any wrong in such a thing. I have seen many Europeans do not know they are naked; and a married woman with her tail of palm fiber is fully dressed. A traveler tells how he tried to educate a gang of naked young women whom he met out in the country by cutting up some of their hair and giving each a piece. The girls looked at the clothes with interest; but evidently did not know what to do with them. Thereupon the white man took a strip and

One would suppose that these Kaviro girls might be rather loose in the morals. I am told that they are not so, and that they rank much better in this regard than the maidens of Uganda, the province adjoining, nearly all of whom wear clothing. Virtue stands high here, and infractions of the laws of modesty are severely punished. This is less so now than in the past. Divorces are not common, but a man can divorce his wives if he will. One curious custom is that if a husband and wife have a quarrel, and the latter goes out and he shuts the door after her, that action alone is considered equivalent to a divorce and the woman goes back to her own people at once.

Kaviro Villages.
But let us go out into the country and look at some of the Kaviro villages. I have visited many and have had no trouble whatever in going into the houses. There are many little settlements scattered over the plains between here and the hills, with foot-paths running from village to village. The most of the settlements are small, a dozen huts or so forming a good-sized one. The houses have walls of mud with cone-shaped roofs, thatched with grass. The doors are so low that one has to crawl into them; and many a house is not more than seven feet high from the mud floor to the top of the cone.

The roof usually extends out beyond the walls of the hut, covering a sort of veranda, a part of which is enclosed and a part open. There are poles outside which support the roof or the veranda.

The huts are usually built around an open space, and are joined by fences of rough limbs and roots, so that each collection of huts forms a stockade in which the animals belonging to the village can be kept at night. Sometimes a village may be made of a number of such circles, each collection of huts belonging to one family. One of the huts is for the polygamous husband and one for each of his wives.

But let us go inside one of the houses and see how it looks. We stoop low as we enter. The floor is of mud, with a few skins scattered over it. The skins are the sleeping places. Notice that the little pen at the back, covered with dirt. That is where the goats sleep. The chickens are put in that tall basket over there in the corner, and are covered up until morning. There is practically no furniture, except a few earthen pots. The cooking is done in clay vessels over that fire in the center of the hut, and the food is served in small baskets, the men eating first and the women taking what is left.

Outside each hut, under the veranda, is the mill of the family. It consists of a great stone, with a hole chipped out of the center. The women grind Indian corn or sorghum seed in such mills, pounding or rubbing the grain with a second stone, just a little smaller than the hole. In the grinding bits of the stone come off and are mixed with the meal, often causing diseases of chronic indigestion. I understand some of the elder Ka-

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